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## House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 11, 1998, at 3:00 p.m.

## Senate

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The Senate met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore (Mr. THURMOND).

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Gracious God, You have shown us the power of an unreserved commitment. We prayerfully personalize the promise of the psalmist, "We commit our way to You, Lord. We also trust in You, and You will bring Your plans to pass. We rest in Your word, and wait patiently for You" (Psalm 37:5,7). In all the challenges of life, we've discovered that Solomon was right, "Commit your works to the Lord and your thoughts will be established" (Proverbs 16:3). Over and over again, You have responded to our commitment to solve problems by providing us with clarity of thought and ingenious solutions.

You have revealed that commitment is the key to opening the floodgate for the inflow of Your Spirit. It is as if You set all of the angels in heaven, all the people who serve You on Earth, and the confluence of circumstances to help us. Unexpected blessings happen; coincident events occur; people respond; and the tangled mess of details is untangled. Amazed, we look back to the moment when we gave up and You took over; when we let go and You took hold; when we rested in You and You replenished our strength. Lord, help us to commit ourselves, our problems, and our hopes and dreams to You. In the name of Jesus who prayed, "Father,

into Your hands I commit My spirit." Amen.

### RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The able majority leader, Senator LOTT of Mississippi, is recognized.

### SCHEDULE

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, this morning, under a previous consent, the Senate will debate the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of David Satcher to be Surgeon General until 11 a.m. At 11 the Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination. Under the agreement that we reached last week, if cloture is invoked, a second vote will occur immediately on the nomination itself. Therefore, Senators should be aware that there may be two consecutive roll-call votes beginning at 11 a.m.

As under the order, from 12:30, then, to 2:15, the Senate will recess for the weekly policy luncheons to meet. Following the luncheons, the Senate may begin consideration of the nomination of Judge Massiah-Jackson to be U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. Therefore, further votes can be expected to occur following the one or two votes at 11 o'clock.

Also, I want to give Senators a reminder that a cloture vote on the motion to proceed to the cloning bill will

now occur Wednesday morning at 10 a.m. I thank my colleagues for their attention to this and I urge they pay particular attention to this cloning issue. The Senate needs to make a decision on whether or not we want to allow human cloning to go forward. There is a lot of concern about that. The President has indicated he is opposed to it and we need to take this issue up.

I urge the Senate to at least vote to go to debate on the substance of the bill itself. The cloture motion is on the motion to proceed. I think we ought to have a beginning of a full discussion about this, see where there are disagreements and where maybe we can come to agreements. If we do not do that, this process will be allowed and there are going to be serious, I think, scientific, medical, ethical and moral questions that are going to be left dangling in the wind. If Senators have additional ideas that they would like to offer in the form of amendments to this human cloning issue, that is the way we should proceed.

I urge the Senate to begin to pay close attention to this issue. The alternative is, perhaps, to do nothing, and I think that would be a very dangerous thing in this very important issue.

Mr. President, I see a Senator seeks recognition. I yield the floor.

### RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. ASHCROFT). Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

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